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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of
Vonderwalde et al.

For: **STENT WITH COVER CONNECTORS**

Serial No.: 09/522,336

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) Examiner: Uyen T. Ho

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) **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**
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) **REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed May 8, 2003 in the above-referenced application, the Examiner required a restriction and amendment of claims to read on the elected species. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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